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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
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	: Group Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: 09/902,172	) RECEIVED
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,	Technology Center 2600
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,	:
AND PROGRAM AND STORAGE	)
MEDIUM THEREFOR	: June 28, 2004
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, Applicant elects to proceed initially with the prosecution of the Group I claims (Claims 1-11).

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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